

REMARKS


Claims 1-47 are presently pending in the application. Claims 4, 13 and 32 are being amended and claims 36-47 are being added. Entry of the amendments and added claims is respectfully requested because they do not add new matter and are fully supported by the specification. For example, the amendments to claims 4, 13 and 32 are supported at least by paragraph 30, and newly added claims 36-47 are supported at least by paragraphs 25, 27 and 28.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned representative of the Applicant.

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4. (amended) A component according to claim 3 wherein the metal alloy comprises an yttrium content of [less than about 50%] at least about 5% by weight.

13. (amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein (a) comprises forming a metal alloy comprising an yttrium content of [less than about 50%] at least about 5% by weight.

32. (amended) An apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the metal alloy comprises an yttrium content of [less than about 50%] at least about 5% by weight.